

THE SEABOARD WINS.

Supreme Court Dismissed Coast Line Cheraw Crossing Petition.

Columbia, Sept. 12.—Holding that the constitutional right given railroads to cross another railroad does not give the right to railroads to cross at grade, and stressing the importance of public safety, the supreme court yesterday dismissed the petition of the Atlantic Coast Line railway asking that the railroad commission be forced to consider and approve the plans for an interlocking switch for a grade crossing over the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line railway in the town of Cheraw. The decision in the case is by Associate Justice Hydrick.

The ruling by the court ends a long controversy between the two railroads which involved the right of the Coast Line to cross the tracks of the Seaboard at Front street in the town of Cheraw. The controversy was commenced on September 22 of last year. The case came before the supreme court several months ago and a decision was given in favor of the Seaboard. It was held by the court at that time that the Coast Line did not have the right to cross at Front street.

The Thornwell Orphanage.

The Thornwell Home and School for Orphans, is the name of the Presbyterian Orphanage under the control of the synods of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and is one that hopes to share in the benefit of orphan-work day. It may interest the readers of this paper to know that the Orphanage was begun some 37 years ago with a half-dollar, the gift of an orphan; that it was opened with four little boys and four little girls; that it has no agent, neither are any assessments made for its support by the church; nor any days appointed for collections, being wholly dependent upon the voluntary gifts of benevolent people. It now has sixteen cottage homes, with some 300 orphans, with ten teachers in the schools, with a matron in each cottage. It has a farm, a shoe-shop a carpenter and machine shop, a steam laundry and other industrial departments in which the children are taught trades. All of the children do something toward their support and in the aggregate they save to the home by this labor, not less than \$15,000. It costs about sixty dollars a year to provide board for each pupil. A fine education beginning with the alphabet and ending with a college course is open to them. Surely such an institution is worthy of support. The pupils in the homes are mainly from South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, but there are many scattered from New York to Oklahoma now with us. There is neither local nor denominational restriction as to reception of orphans. Those received however, must be worthy intelligent orphans, without means of support. The institution is located in Clinton, S. C. Rev. Dr. Jacobs is president.

Moonshiner Surrenders.

Outlawed by the State and with a heavy reward hanging over his head Code Lane, the moonshiner charged with the shooting of Revenue Officer R. F. Henry, strode into North Wilkesboro, N. C., last Tuesday and surrendered to the county authorities. With him surrendered also Welborne Nance, who is alleged to be implicated in the shooting. The federal officer was shot and seriously wounded two weeks ago in a raid by the officers on a coterie of moonshiners whom they surrounded in a desolate spot in the Brushy mountains. The mountaineers first shot down the horses the officers were riding and that not deterring the attacking party fired to kill, shooting Henry. Two of the officers returned to Wilkesboro for reinforcements and a surgeon and when the relief party returned they too were fired upon and a desperate battle ensued with no fatal results. The authorities outlawed Lane last Friday and officers had surrounded his supposed hiding place in the mountains for days but in some manner he eluded them until he made up his mind to give himself up.

DOES NOT LIKE HIS NAME.

Otto Hell Wants to Be Known Hereafter as Hill.

Otto Hell to-day applied to Judge Grant, in Brooklyn, for permission to change his name to Hill. Hell said he had been subjected to humiliation because of the jibes and jeers of his acquaintances on account of his name, and cited instances in which he had been addressed as "Oh, Hell." The applicant said he desired to open a confectionery store and put up a large illuminated sign, and he did not think his name, with its initials prefixed, would look nice on a candy store. The judge told him he would grant the request.—New York special to Baltimore American.

SPARTANBURG CARMEN STRIKE.

Resent Company's Efforts to Prevent Their Joining Union.

Spartanburg, Sept. 20.—In sympathy with the sixteen motormen and conductors, who were dismissed from the service of the Spartanburg Railway, Gas and Electric Company at a late hour last night, thirteen other men quit to-day, leaving in the employ of the company but six of the old men. The company dismissed the men because they refused to pledge themselves not to affiliate with the Union of Conductors and Motormen. Cars have been operated throughout the day, but with inexperienced men.

The trouble first arose some time ago, when several electrical workers were dismissed because they joined a union. At this time the motormen and conductors were not organized. Since then, however, the union men have daily gained ground and when the demand that they promise not to join a union was made the crisis presented itself, which resulted in the failure of all the cars to be taken from the barn on schedule time this morning. At first all of the men did not quit, but gradually, one by one, those remaining in the employ of the company were gained over until but six are left and union men claim at a late hour to-night that as soon as these men return from the barn they will also come over to their side.

At all hours the strikers rode on the cars and coerced the men to quit their jobs. The police were appealed to to prevent these tactics, but they claimed that they had no right to prevent a man from riding on the car if he paid his fare and could not arrest him unless he was disorderly. They held that talking to the motormen and conductors did not constitute disorderly conduct.

Crowds of union men, not only the conductors and motormen, but all other union sympathizers, gathered on the corner and yelled "scab" and other such epithets at the men operating the cars, but at no time was any violence attempted. On two occasions cars were delayed by the men, but the police quickly dispersed the crowds. No arrests were made during the day. Union men were much incensed when it was asked that Mayor Lee order any man guilty of disorderly conduct to be arrested and held without bail. This Mayor Lee denied to a reporter.

Benjamin Commons, of New Orleans, national organizer of the union, is in the city and is directing the procedure of the strikers.

A meeting was held this morning and it was decided to hold a mass meeting at the theatre to-morrow evening, to which the public is invited, and at which time the position of the strikers will be made clear. As yet no demands have been made on the company and the officials are not disposed to take back the fired men.

The sympathy of the entire town is with the men, it seems, and many expressions have been heard indicating that public opinion favors them. Twice the usual number of police were on duty to-day.

SYMPATHY WITH STRIKERS.

Hundreds Attend Mass Meeting in Spartanburg Theatre.

Spartanburg, Sept. 21.—Throughout the day additional men were secured by the street railway company to act as motormen and conductors and the cars were run on fairly good schedule. There was practically no developments in the strike situation until to-night, when, at the theatre, a mass meeting of the citizens, called by the union officials, was held and the views of the union men put before the public. Among those who spoke were State Senator Howard B. Carlisle, Albert E. Hill, a leading lawyer, and Ira C. Blackwood, also a lawyer, and a candidate for solicitor in this district. The attitude of the union men was made clear and the reasons for the present lockout made known to the public. The denunciation of the company was surprising, as coming from such representative citizens.

National Organizer Benjamin Commons, of New Orleans, also spoke and told of the benefits that the men would derive from being members of the union and attempted to show that the company had acted unwisely in firing the men for their union affiliations.

At the meeting to-night there were over eleven hundred representative citizens, and the endorsement of the entire audience was secured to a resolution favoring an arbitration committee to adjust the differences between the company and men. The union has agreed to abide by the decision of such a committee, and the resolution will be given the company to-morrow.

A collection was taken up to defray the expenses of the men while they are not at work and \$100.64 was raised in a few moments, which will be supplemented to-morrow by additional funds. In all 33 men have quit the company or have been fired.

Cars are running on good schedules and the company is paying little heed to the demands of the union men. Partially successful attempts have been made by the union men to induce the public to boycott the cars. The grievance committee has nothing against Vice President and General Manager Francis H. Knox, of the company, but it is Superintendent Buckheister that they are after. There has been no disorder.

NEGRO SPEEDILY CONVICTED.

Mrs. Chaplin's Assailant to Die in Chair October 20.

Warrenton, Sept. 19.—After ten minutes' deliberation a verdict of "guilty" was returned early to-night by the superior court jury in the case of Norvill Marshall, the negro who on last Saturday night attacked Mrs. C. E. Chaplin, and shot and seriously wounded her father and the sheriff of Warren county. Judge Justice promptly sentenced Marshall to be electrocuted at Raleigh on October 20. The negro will be taken to Raleigh to-night and lodged in the penitentiary to await his execution. Mrs. Chaplin was placed on the stand to-day and told the circumstances of the attack. The defendant's only attempt at defence was a plea of insanity.

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HYDE CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Anderson Man Will Hang for Double Killing.

Anderson, Sept. 19.—Samuel N. Hyde, confessed murderer of his young wife and her father, was convicted by a jury late to-day and sentence will be pronounced by Judge Prince to-morrow morning.

The reading of the verdict had no visible effect on the prisoner, who said later that the finding was a just one, that he was guilty of murder and expected to be convicted. Under the laws of South Carolina, pleas of guilty in murder cases are forbidden.

Hyde's Crime.

The crime for which Hyde was convicted was committed on the night of July 18th, last. Willie Mrs. Hyde and her sister, Willie Beasley, aged 15, lay asleep in one bed, and her parents, W. V. Beasley and wife, were asleep in another bed in the same room. Hyde entered and fired three shots into his wife's body, killing her instantly, and fired twice at her sister, both shots taking effect, but not seriously wounding her. Re-loading his revolver, he shot and killed Beasley, who was attempting to disarm him.

Mrs. Beasley Witness.

Mrs. Beasley was the principal witness for the prosecution at the trial to-day, describing in detail the events on the night of the tragedy. Sheriff King told of Hyde surrendering to him, and saying he planned the murder of his wife, and was well pleased with the deed.

Insanity Plea.

The State rested its case at 1 o'clock, and the defence introduced several witnesses, who testified in support of the claim of the prisoner's counsel that he was a victim of hereditary insanity.

Following the argument by the attorneys and the judge's charge, the jury retired, and 55 minutes later returned a verdict of guilty.

Said Witnesses Lied.

The prisoner as he sat by his old deaf father accepted the verdict without any tremor and without any change of expression. Before being led from the court room to his cell in the county jail, he stated to this correspondent that the verdict is a just one, that he is guilty of murder and that he expected a conviction. "I didn't take the stand on my behalf," Hyde said, "because I didn't want to be classed along with these witnesses for the State, who swore lies on me. They stated that I had deserted my wife and that they hadn't taken her away from me. That is not so. There is one thing certain, they won't be able to separate me from my wife any more, and when the sheriff hangs me it will be the happiest man that has ever been hung. The court appointed Mr. Rice to plead my case. He did mighty well. He made a good fight but a useless one. I know I was guilty of murder and I know that I deserved to be hung."

Mother-in-Law Testifies.

Mrs. Emma Beasley, mother of Mrs. Hyde, and wife of W. V. Beasley, testified that she and her husband were in one bed in the room and that Mrs. Hyde and her 15-year-old sister, Willie Beasley, were in another bed in the same room at the time of the shooting; that the shots awoke her and that she slipped out of bed and grabbed Hyde as he was going out of the door. She was assisted by Mr. Beasley, who caught Hyde around the back. Hyde re-loaded his pistol, she said, and held up his left arm and fired on Mr. Beasley, killing him instantly. Mrs. Beasley stated that the married life of Hyde and his wife was very unpleasant; that they frequently quarrelled and that they had been parted twice. She said that Hyde deserted Mrs. Hyde and for that reason her father had taken her back home.

Consumption by Southern Mills.

Twenty years ago Northern mills were consuming annually three times as much cotton as Southern mills. In the season of 1896-7 Southern mills, for the first time, consumed more than a million bales, and in the season of 1902-03 took more bales than Northern mills and passed the 2,000,000 bale mark. Three or four times since then Southern mills have taken more bales than Northern mills, the difference in the season of 1909-10 in favor of Southern mills having been something more than 300,000 bales. In that season Southern mills consumed 2,341,303 bales in a crop of 10,609,668 bales. In the same season just closed, out of total crop of 12,120,095 bales, Southern mills consumed 2,363,616 bales, again making a record of an excess over the consumption by mills in other parts of the country.

The figures upon which this estimate is based are those of Col. Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans cotton exchange, who reports for the season of 1910-11: Port receipts, 8,833,037 bales; overland, 973,492 bales; Southern consumption, 2,363,616; less consumed at ports, 55,050, making the total commercial crop 12,120,095 bales. The estimate of the New York Cotton Exchange is: Port receipts, 8,852,235 bales; delivered to Northern mills in Canada, 970,671 bales, and Southern mill takings, less 55,100 bales taken from ports, 2,353,032 bales, making a total crop of 12,074,938 bales.—Manufacturers' Record.

A Satiric Gem.

This anecdote portraying the biting side of Mark Twain's wit comes from "Little Stories About Mark Twain." The humorist once asked a neighbor if he might borrow a set of his books. "You're welcome to read them in my library," replied the neighbor, ungraciously, "but it is my rule never to let my books leave my house." Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of Mark Twain's lawn-mower. "Certainly," said Mark, "but since I make it a rule never to let it leave my lawn, you will be obliged to use it there."

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